

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) An additional contacting system for ~~an electrical component, especially for~~ a piezoelectric component in the form of a multilayer structure, comprising more than one connecting element for connecting the ~~electrical~~ component with an electrical connection element, wherein and a single current conductor track, said connecting elements the additional contacting is embodied as comprise a single, structured component, wherein each connecting element is connected to the single, current conductor track having a width changing over its length.

2. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim 1, wherein the additional contacting is embodied as a single, structured foil.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim ~~3~~1, wherein the current conductor track has a greater width compared to each connecting element.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim ~~3~~1, wherein the structured component comprises a contacting zone in which an electrical access element can be located.

7. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim ~~3~~1, wherein the additional contacting is formed in at least some areas from a material with higher electrical conductivity.

8. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim 7, wherein the additional contacting is formed from at least one material from the group Cu, Cu alloy, Fe, steel, Ni basic alloy, Co basic alloy.

9. (Original) The additional contacting according to Claim 1, wherein the additional contacting is surrounded in at least some areas by a passivation material.

10-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) An additional contacting system for a piezoelectric component in the form of a multilayer structure, said system comprising a contacting element comprising connecting elements for connecting the component with an electrical connection element, and a single conductor track, said connecting element, comprising a single structural flexible foil, wherein each connecting element is connected to the single, current conductor track having a width changing over its length.

22. (New) A contact system for a piezoelectric component in the form of a multilayered stack, said contact system comprising multiple connecting elements for connecting the component with an electrical connection component, said connecting elements comprised of a single structural component, and connected to the electrical connection component in the area of the base of the stack which remains at rest during operation of the stack.

23. (New) The contact element of Claim 22 wherein the connecting elements are comprised of a single flexible foil.